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1. Technicians and scientists of note are contacted by Soviet officers or engineers, often in civilian clothes, who introduce them to Captain Dr. Garin, specialist in the recruiting of technicians and scientists in Austria. Captain Garin is an officer of the Russian Komendatura at the Hotel Imperial, Vienna.
2. After a technical interrogation, the prospective recruit is sent home. If the results of his questioning are favorable, he is again summoned to the Hotel Imperial. It appears that, after a brief stay, he is sent from the Imperial Hotel to the Mittelschule in Mödling near Vienna where the Russians are said to have a collection center for the briefing of scientists whom they have recruited. The foregoing is the procedure which was followed in the case of Professor Schintelmeyer, who left several months ago for Russia and from whom there has been no word since.
3. Austrian technicians and scientists are approached by Captain Garin through high officials of the institutes and universities of Vienna, in particular through Professor Thirring, noted physicist and Director of the Theoretical Institute, Strudlhofgasse 4, Vienna. It was Professor Thirring who suggested Dr. Fuchs, among others.
4. Also very active along these lines is Dr. Rubinstein, technical director of the Haussermann firm at Gars am Kamp (Lower Austria), who works directly under a Soviet Major, the manager of the factory. Rubinstein recruits engineers and technicians who are specialists in the field of infra-red rays and the construction of photo-electric cells. He is apparently trying to install equipment for the production of cells in his factory.

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